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SUBJECT: INTER-AGENCY MEETING ON GUATEMALA

1. OAS/CEPCIES WILL HOST ON FEBRUARY 6-9 AN INTER-AGENCY MEETING ON GUATEMALA. THE MEETING WILL COMBINE THE USUAL OAS/CEPCIES COUNTRY REVIEW WITH SIMULTANEOUS WORKING GROUP SESSIONS ON MACROECONOMIC FORECASTING MODELS AND DATA BANKS (SEE PARA 3 FOR DETAILS ON THE LATTER.)

2. THE AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR SESSION FOLLOWS: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 10:00 AM OPENING SESSION. REMARKS OF THE GUATEMALAN DELEGATION. 3:00 P.M. FIRST WORKING GROUP: RECENT ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL EVOLUTION AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY. A) RECENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS AND PROSPECTS, B) SOCIAL ASPECTS OF DEVELOPMENT C) MONETARY AND PRICE SITUATION D) ADVANCES IN THE RECONSTRUCTION PROCESS. TUESDAY FEBRUARY 7, 10:00 AM SECOND WORKING GROUP. PUBLIC SECTOR A) EVOLUTION AND PROJECTIONS OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES: TAX MEASURES AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES. B) PUBLIC INVESTMENT
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PROGRAM: SECTOR ORIENTATION AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPACT, EXECUTION PROBLEMS AND PROJECTED AMOUNTS TO BE INVESTED. ADVANCES IN THE PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF PROJECTS AND PUBLIC INVESTMENT PROGRAMS (NATIONAL SYSTEM OF PROJECTS) 3:00 P.M. THIRD WORKING GROUP. EXTERNAL SECTOR A) EXPORTS AND IMPORTS: RECENT BEHAVIOR AND PROSPECTS. B) EVOLUTION AND PROSPECTS FOR THE PRINCIPAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT

ENTRIES, PRIVATE DIRECT INVESTMENT AND CREDITS, OFFICIAL FINANCING. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 10:00 A.M. FOURTH WORKING GROUP. EXTERNAL COOPERATION (PRESENTATION OF THE PUBLIC INVESTMENT PROGRAM). A) FINANCIAL COOPERATION: RECENT EVOLUTION AND FUTURE NEEDS, ORIENTATION BY SECTORS, DIFFICULTIES IN CONTRACTING AND DISBURSING LOANS. 3:00 P.M. FIFTH WORKING GROUP: EXTERNAL COOPERATION. B) TECHNICAL COOPERATION: RECENT EVOLUTION AND FUTURE NEEDS, CONSISTENCY OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION WITH DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES, COORDINATION OF ASSISTANCE. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 10:00 A.M. SIXTH WORKING GROUP. EXTERNAL COOPERATION. B) TECHNICAL COOPERATION. PRESENTATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON MACROECONOMIC FORECASTING MODELS AND DATA BANKS. IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE TECHNICAL COOPERATION. 3:00 P.M. REMARKS OF PARTICIPATING AGENCIES. CLOSING SESSION.

3. THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON MACROECONOMIC FORECASTING MODELS AND DATA BANKS MEETING CONCURRENTLY WITH THE MAIN SESSIONS HAS THE FOLLOWING TENTATIVE AGENDA: MONDAY FEBRUARY 6, 3:00 P.M. I. PRESENTATION OF MODELS A. GUATEMALA MODEL B. OAS C. IBRD D. OTHER. DISCUSSION OF DIFFERENT PURPOSE MODELS, PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED ESPECIALLY COMMON DATA PROBLEMS. TUESDAY FEBRUARY 7, 10:00 A.M. II. CONTINUATION OF SESSION I. 3:00 P.M. III. DISCUSSION OF WAYS TO IMPROVE STATISTICS. UNCLASSIFIED

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SUGGESTIONS OF NEW SERIES IV. CONSIDERATION OF A MULTIPURPOSE GUATEMALAN DATA BANK. SPECIFICATIONS BY POTENTIAL USERS OF THEIR PARTICULAR NEEDS. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING DATA POOLS IN DIFFERENT INSTITUTIONS AND POSSIBILITIES FOR COOPERATIVE INTER CHANGE. SUGGESTIONS FOR THE DESIGN OF A MULTIPURPOSE DATA BANK ACCESSIBLE TO SEVERAL USERS INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES V. PREPARATION OF PRESENTATION TO LARGER GROUP OF RESULTS OF DISCUSSIONS: PRINCIPAL CONCLUSIONS. SUGGESTIONS FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES INCLUDING ADDITIONAL MEETINGS OF THE WORKING GROUP, EXCHANGES OF DATA AND COMPUTER PROGRAMS AND POSSIBILITIES FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS RELATED TO MODEL BUILDING, IMPROVEMENT OF STATISTICS AND DATA BANK CREATION AND COORDINATION. THURSDAY FEBRUARY 9, 10:00 A.M. PRESENTATION OF RESULTS TO MAIN MEETING.

4. ACTION REQUIRED: PLEASE CABLE MAJOR ISSUES AND MISSION VIEWS WITH RESPECT TO EACH, PLUS SUGGESTIONS FOR USC'S FINAL STATEMENT BY JANUARY 31 TO PERMIT CLEARANCE BY WASHINGTON OFFICES.

PLEASE ALSO INDICATE WHAT MISSION OR OTHER REPRESENTATION DESIRED EITHER FOR MAIN MEETINGS OR MACROECONOMIC MODEL AND DATA BANK WORKING GROUP.

THE OAS/CEPCIES "ESTUDIO ECONOMICO DE GUATEMALA" IS BEING POUCHED.

5. COMPOSITION OF GUATEMALAN DELEGATION NOT YET KNOWN

6. SCHEDULE MEETINGS MAY CHANGE SLIGHTLY TO ACCOMMODATE PEOPLE WHO WISH TO ATTEND BOTH MAIN MEETINGS AND SPECIAL WORKING GROUP. VANCE

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